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From: Past Chair [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 11:25 AM
To: Sanchez, Marion; Baray, Ray
Subject: Fw: FY15-16 budget recommendations (N Lamar/Rundberg)

Could you all help make sure that the Hispanic Quality of Life commissioners get a copy of this at their meeting this afternoon? I have the impression some folks don't much check their boards and commissions email accounts.

We had hoped to have someone at their budget recommendation meeting, but I'm afraid we weren't able to work out the scheduling.

Thank you!

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Cc: Chair North Lamar Contact Team [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 11:21 AM
Subject: FY15-16 budget recommendations (N Lamar/Rundberg)

Commissioners:

As you are making your recommendations to City Council for the FY 15-16 budget, I wanted to call to your attention the issue areas which have been prioritized by North Lamar/Rundberg stakeholders, including residents, institutions, property owners, and businesspeople. These priorities were developed through a broad-based and transparent process, using the vision and goals in our neighborhood plans and campus improvement plans, within the context of Imagine Austin and other city, county, school, and health district policies.

Operating budget

1. family support services
2. green infrastructure
3. code enforcement
4. health
5. housing affordability

Capital budget

1. traffic calming
2. community center
3. park land
4. pedestrian routes
5. North Lamar transportation

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In the past year, there have been two publicly-funded programs charged with researching and developing recommendations in specific issue areas - APD's "Restore Rundberg" grant (crime) and Latino Healthcare Forum's contract (health). Each of those efforts undoubtedly advanced the knowledge of the interrelated challenges and opportunities in the North Lamar/Rundberg area. I encourage you to consider their data and issue analysis in making your recommendations. In September of last year, City Council passed a "coordination resolution" for the various city work in the area. Please as well consider how your recommendations would fit within and enhance the coordinated effort.

Please be attentive to **avoid inadvertently recommending displacement of the area's own vision and strategic goals**, for something developed by a well-intended outside group.

There was some brief discussion of this at City Council yesterday, in the context of a youth services contract. I believe Council's intention is to have a comprehensive conversation at the committee level in August about ongoing and planned N Lamar/Rundberg redevelopment. This presumably would inform budget decisions as far as programs targeted at the area, and the need for staff or contract coordination of the various efforts. I think that your commission would be a strong participant in that conversation, particularly in articulating where "hispanic/latino quality of life" is really people quality of life, and where there is distinction which should be incorporated into budget decisions.

Thank you for your work.

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